

REMARKS

Forty-two claims remain pending in the present Application, and all claims currently stand rejected. Claims 8 and 28 are amended, and claims 1-7, 9-27, and 29-42 are cancelled herein. Reconsideration and allowance of the present Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Cancellation Of Rejected Claims

In the Final Office Action of December 12, 2002, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-42 remain rejected. However, in paragraph 4 of the Advisory Action of March 5, 2003, the Examiner has also indicated that "amended claim(s) 8 and 28 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amended canceling the non-allowable claim(s)."

Because of the Applicants' wish to expedite the allowance and issuance of the present Application, Applicants therefore refrain from further discussing the cited references, and instead, herein amend claims 8 and 28 into independent form, and cancel rejected claims 1-7, 9-27, and 29-42 without prejudice to thereby place the Application in condition for immediate allowance.

The Applicants expressly state that the rejected claims 1-7, 9-27, and 29-42 are not cancelled herein for reasons of patentability. The rejected claims are cancelled solely to expedite the allowance and issuance of the Application. Furthermore, the Applicants also reserve the right to seek allowance of any additional claims in Applications that claim priority in the present Application.

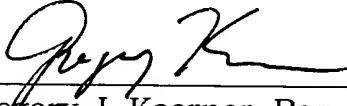
Summary

The Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks place the present Application in condition for immediate allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the present Application are respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made." If there are questions concerning this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9-27, and 29-42

8. (Once Amended) [The system of claim 1 wherein] A system for supporting electronic gaming, comprising:

an event server configured to manage a game service, said event server providing a restricted access to said game service over an electronic network; and

one or more user devices configured to communicate with said event server over said electronic network by performing a wireless communications procedure to thereby allow one or more system users to participate in said electronic gaming, said one or more system users each utilizing a respective one of said one or more user devices to perform a trading transaction for negotiating a transfer of ownership rights of an electronic certificate that relates to said electronic gaming, said certificate [includes] including owner information that identifies said ownership rights of said certificate, a certificate usage history that includes a chronological listing of various uses of said certificate, a certificate transfer history that includes a chronological listing of ownership transfers of said certificate, a certificate description that includes identification and authentication information for said certificate, security information that includes means to exclude unauthorized persons or entities from accessing said certificate, and data that includes at least one digital object that is related to said electronic gaming.

28. (Once Amended) [The method of claim 21 wherein] A method for supporting electronic gaming, comprising the steps of:
managing a game service by utilizing an event server that provides a restricted access to said game service over an electronic network; and
communicating with said event server over said electronic network by
performing a wireless communications procedure with one or more user devices to thereby allow one or more system users to participate in said electronic gaming, said one or more system users each utilizing a respective one of said one or more user devices to perform a trading transaction for negotiating a transfer of ownership rights of an electronic certificate that relates to said electronic gaming, said certificate [includes] including owner information that identifies said ownership rights of said certificate, a certificate usage history that includes a chronological listing of various uses of said certificate, a certificate transfer history that includes a chronological listing of ownership transfers of said certificate, a certificate description that includes identification and authentication information for said certificate, security information that includes means to exclude unauthorized persons or entities from accessing said certificate, and data that includes at least one digital object that is related to said electronic gaming.